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- 1. IN CONSIDERING USNATO'S REQUEST (REF A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT US TO GET THE FOURTEEN TOGETHER IN MOSCOW, WE TRUST THE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP IN MIND THE PROBLEMS TO WHICH WE ALLUDED IN REF B. SOCIAL GATHERINGS ARE UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE DISCUSSIONS TEND TO AVOID SUBSTANCE, IN VIEW OF SECURITY PROBLEMS. ONLY THE U.S. AND FRG HAVE SECURE ROOMS LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL FOURTEEN. THERE IS NO WAY SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD INCONSPICUOUSLY (AS RECOMMENDED IN REF A) IN MOSCOW.
- 2. I HAVE TALKED OVER THIS PROBLEM IN GENERAL WITH THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS SERVED IN MOSCOW FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. HE EXPRESSED GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE USEFULNESS OF LUNCHEONS OR OTHER SOCIAL OCCASIONS, FOR THE SAME REASON CITED ABOVE, AND IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT ANY FORMAL OR REGULAR MEETINGS. AMBASSADOR FORD DID, HOWEVER, UNDERWRITE THE USEFULNESS OF BRIEFINGS OF NATO AMBASSADORS IN CONNECTION WITH HIGH LEVEL VISITS. HE CITED BRIEFING BY FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS (AT END OF 1972 MOSCOW SUMMIT).

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3. THUS WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AS FAR AS MOSCOW IS CONCERNED
WE SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY CONCERTED EFFORT TO GET THE FOURTEEN
TOGETHER EXCEPT ON AN APPROPRIATE AD HOC BASIS, FOR EXAMPLE
THE KIND OF BRIEFING MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR FORD.DUBS

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